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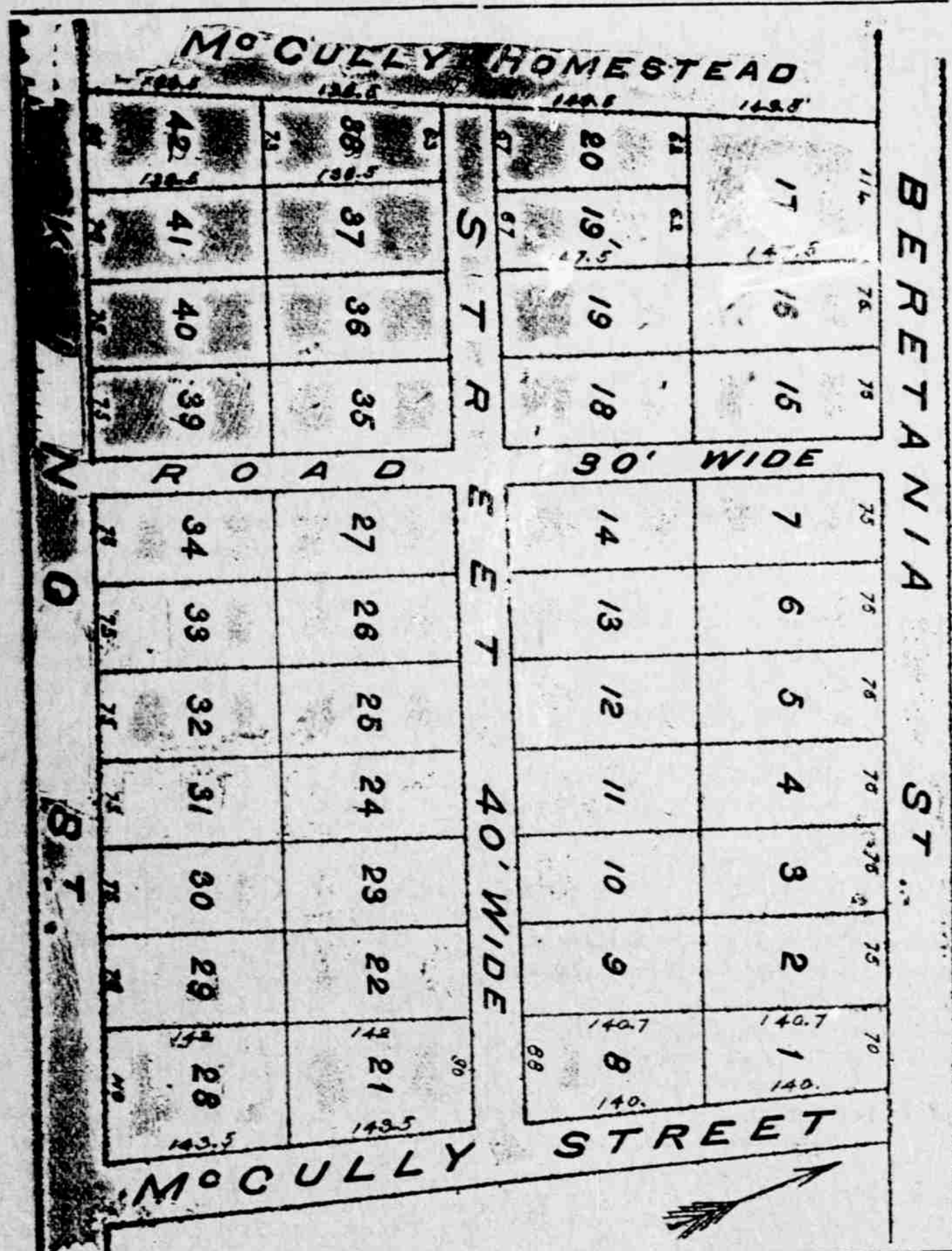
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Review of the Outlook at National Capital.

## ACCEPTANCE OF PHILIPPINES

Sharp Battle in the Senate is Anticipated—Expansion Issue.  
Extra Session.

WASHINGTON (D. C.), November 29.—The plans of the Administration for avoiding an extra session of both Houses of Congress next spring are gradually assuming a definite form. It is already apparent that the treaty of peace with Spain cannot be delivered to the Senate until late in December at the earliest possible date. It will then require some days for the completion of the conferences now going on, will then require another week to put the treaty in proper language, inscribe it on parchment and secure the signatures of the Commissioners, and will then require ten days for the Commissioners of the United States to return with it to this country. These events cannot be consummated before the middle of December, and it is probable that the President will then require a few days for consultation with the Commissioners and the preparation of his message before sending the treaty to the Senate. It will hardly be possible to make much progress with the consideration of the treaty until after the holiday recess.

A vigorous fight will be made against retention of the Philippine Islands, and it will be difficult to secure the ratification of the treaty by the present Senate. The Administration is already preparing for this contingency. It will be ascertained during the debate in the Senate whether the treaty can be ratified. If ratification cannot be accomplished by the necessary vote of two-thirds, the Administration will probably prefer to lay the document aside rather than encounter an adverse vote. An extra session of the new Senate will then be summoned for the consideration of the treaty. Favorable action is considered certain in the new Senate. The Republicans will then have fifty-four Senators, where they now have forty-four, and will need only six votes to make the necessary two-thirds. These can be obtained from the silver Republicans who supported Bryan and from a few Democrats who favor national expansion. It is anticipated that in the present Senate nearly all the Democrats will vote against the treaty and make more than a third of the Senate in opposition.

President McKinley believed during the summer that an extra session of both Houses of Congress would be required in the spring to provide for the government of Cuba and any territory which might fall to the United States as the result of the Spanish war. He does not believe that Congress will be ready so soon to legislate intelligently upon the many questions which will arise regarding the civil administration, internal and external taxation, and currency and banking. Congress can do practically nothing for any of the new dependencies until the treaty has been ratified. It cannot be assumed officially before that time that Congress has any authority over any of the island taken from Spain except the authority derived from military occupation. It will, therefore, be impossible to proceed with legislation on a comprehensive scale at the coming session. The President appears to have learned a lesson from the results of Algerism in staff appointments. He is satisfied that a government administered by military officers will be more honest and efficient for a time than one made up of American civilians highly indorsed by Platt, Quay and Alger. If the earlier ratification of the treaty permits any legislation, provision may be made for imposing certain limits of civil law upon the exercise of military authority, but the graduates of West Point and Annapolis will be the representatives of the United States in the new dependencies rather than the graduates of New York and Philadelphia ward politics.

The plan which will be proposed to Congress for dealing with the dependencies will be the appointment of special commissions to study conditions in each important island and report in the autumn the best plan of government and fiscal administration. Provision for such commissions can be made in the annual appropriation bills, and careful selections made by the President after the adjournment of Congress. It is possible that a special session will be called in September or October to act upon these and other matters before the country is in the turmoil of a Presidential election. This is still an open question, in view of the many contingencies which may affect the decision of the President. One con-

tingency which may call for early action by both Houses is the payment of compensation for the Philippines to the Spanish Government. There is money enough in the Treasury to make the payment in cash, and the President might feel justified in making it upon the ratification of the treaty by the Senate. The Constitution requires, however, that grants of money shall be approved by both Houses of Congress. It is possible that instructions will be sent to the American Commissioners at Paris to provide that this payment shall not be made until the autumn, pending the action of both Houses. The Spanish Government might be able to raise money upon the assignment of this claim against the United States, if European financiers were satisfied that the necessary vote of approval would be given by both Houses of Congress.

The President has not abandoned his desire to see changes made in the currency laws which will separate the fiscal operations of the Treasury from commercial banking and afford better credit facilities in thinly settled districts. If there is not an extra session of both Houses in the spring, he will probably give his sanction to the passage of a currency bill by the Senate at the special session. This will give the measure great prestige, and a special session of both Houses in September or October would permit its passage at an early date. The advocates of such legislation would like to see it put upon the statute books in the spring, and still have hopes that events will take a shape which will require a special session of both Houses.

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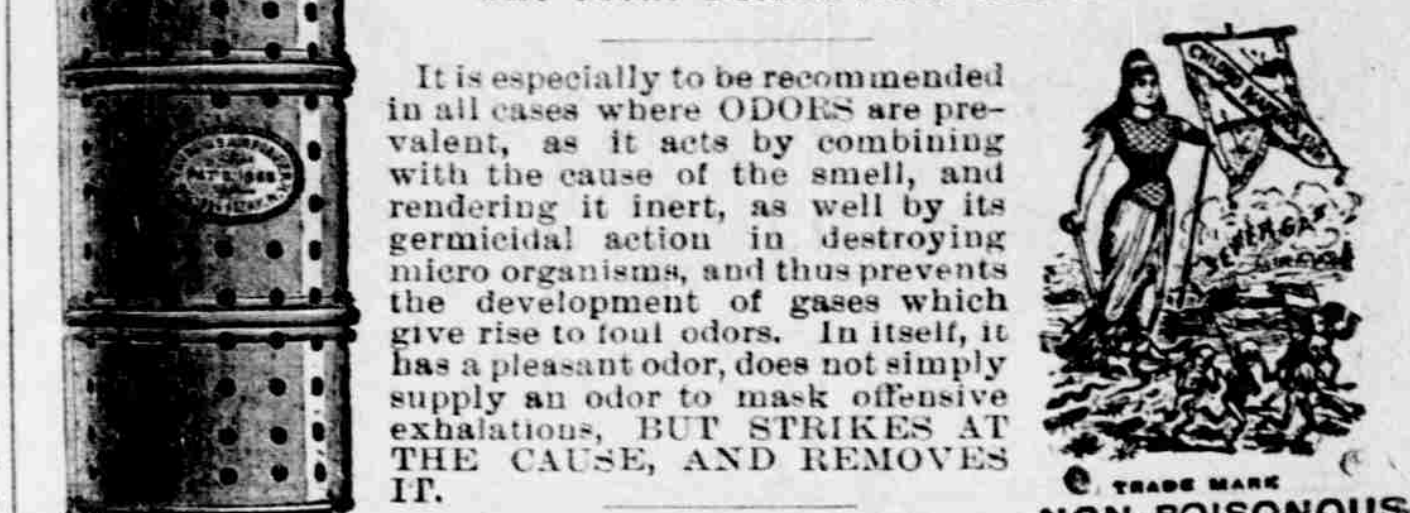
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